



EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God — the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God's unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ's radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)

JULY 28, 2019 — 10 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953) was born in Little Rock, Arkansas and graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music in 1906. She was the first African-American woman composer to have a composition performed by a major symphony orchestra. Her *Symphony No. 1 in E Minor* was first performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 1933.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Holy God, you are our faithful lover, our generous parent, our patient teacher, our constant friend. We live by the hope of your promises, seek to follow your way, and rely on the gift of your Spirit, by whose power we breathe and move and pray. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

“Across the ages the church in its worship has prayed for the church universal, the world, all in authority, and those in distress or need. To abide in God’s love is to share God’s concern for the world. Our prayers should therefore be as wide as God’s love and as specific as God’s tender compassion for the least ones among us.”

— *Presbyterian Church Book of Common Worship*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Florence Price

“Adoration”

Please use this time to fill out the red Friendship pads and for quiet worship preparation.

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 85)

Ray Anthony

Leader: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

People: For the Lord will speak peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Leader: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord, and God’s glory will dwell in our land.

People: May our time of worship be an offering of praise given to you, O God, our Hope and Redeemer.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #403

UNSER HERRSCHER

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds, we disappoint and dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us. Forgive our faithless ways. Increase our gratitude that we might grow in faithfulness to you and merciful service for our neighbors; for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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This lively sung version of the Lord's Prayer uses a West Indian folk melody that was first harmonized in our previous Presbyterian hymnal (1989). The repeated refrain – **"Hallowed be thy name"** – reminds us of our abiding hope that in time all people will honor **God's name**.

The Lord's Prayer (in Latin *Pater Noster*) is found in Matthew 6:9-13 and in Luke 11:2-4. The Matthew version is more common and slightly longer than the Luke version. It is divided into an address to God, followed by three petitions asking to glorify God and four petitions related to our physical and spiritual needs. The concluding doxology was likely added sometime between the 2nd and 4th centuries CE.

The spiritual *City Called Heaven* begins with a sense of despair, "I am a poor pilgrim of sorrow. I'm left in this wide world alone." As the piece progresses, the text moves to a feeling of hope and joy, "I heard of a city called heaven. I'm trying to make heaven my home." This arrangement, by Chicago public school music teacher Josephine Poelinitz, was published in 1994.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Friends, let us believe the good news of the gospel:
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

SUNG RESPONSE — HYMN #464

WEST INDIAN

"Our Father, Which Art in Heaven"

Our Father, which art in heaven: hallowed-a be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done: hallowed-a be thy name.
On earth as it is in heaven: hallowed-a be thy name.
Give us this day our daily bread: hallowed-a be thy name.
And forgive us all our debts: hallowed-a be thy name.
As we forgive our debtors: hallowed-a be thy name.
And lead us not into temptation: hallowed-a be thy name.
But deliver us from evil: hallowed-a be thy name.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory: hallowed-a be thy name.
Forever and ever, amen: hallowed-a be thy name.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 2:1-7

Ray Anthony

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Children of any age are welcome to come forward for Moments with our Children. Those who have completed kindergarten or younger are invited to attend our Extended Session program for the remainder of our worship time in the Nursery Suite on the first floor.

* HYMN #626 (please sing 2x)

"As the Deer"

AS THE DEER

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 11:1-9

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Persistent Prayer"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SUNG LORD'S PRAYER — HYMN #464

WEST INDIAN

"Our Father, Which Art in Heaven"

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

We offer our gifts in response to God's love, and the grace of Jesus Christ, which we seek to make known through the ministries of this congregation.

OFFERTORY

"City Called Heaven"

arr. Josephine Poelinitz

*I am a pilgrim, a pilgrim of sorrow, I'm left in this wide world, this wide world alone.
Oh I ain't got no hope, got no hope for tomorrow, I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home.
Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven, Lord. Sometimes I just don't know which way to turn.
Oh I heard of a city, a city called heaven, I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home.*

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
King Henry VIII executed his chief minister, Thomas Cromwell, and married his fifth wife, Catherine Howard (1540); poet Gerard Manley Hopkins was born (1844) as was Beatrix Potter, the creator of *Peter Rabbit* (1866); the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees due process and citizenship to anyone born or naturalized in the U.S., was ratified (1868); and World War 1 began after the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand in Sarajevo (1914).

Composer David German (b. 1954) was minister of music and organist at Calvary Church in Charlotte, NC. He wrote this trumpet tune for his wedding and dedicated it to his wife, Kathleen.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush
The Rev. Schoenewolf

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| Leader: | El Señor esté con ustedes. | The Lord be with you. |
| People: | Y también contigo. | And also with you. |
| Leader: | Levantemos nuestros corazones. | Lift up your hearts. |
| People: | Lo tenemos levantado al Señor. | We lift them up to the Lord. |
| Leader: | Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios. | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. |
| People: | Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios. | It is right to give God thanks and praise. |
| Leader: | Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Sovereign and our God. | |
| People: | Amen. | |

* HYMN #754

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

BARONITA

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

Dr. Moore, *organ*
David German

Our worship concludes with the postlude. For the benefit of those who wish to listen to the postlude, please refrain from visiting with your neighbors until you have left the sanctuary, or until the postlude has concluded.



As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all, our full worship service is now being livestreamed on Facebook and archived at www.ELPC.church. This notice is to inform you that by being in attendance, you give permission for incidences where you appear within the video. Should you have any questions, please see one of our pastors.

♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Ray Anthony
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Adrianna Cleveland, *Soloist*
Jon Erik Schreiber, *Soloist*
Sound: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Fellowship Room after worship for our *Fellowship Time*. All are welcome to attend.

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase flowers for our Sanctuary worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Norma (412.441.3800 x111). The cost is \$150 a Sunday.

♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP

Our summer worship schedule has begun. Journey Worship will resume on Rally Day Sunday, Sept 8 at 8:45 am.

Our 10 am service will move to the Courtyard beginning next Sunday, August 4. There will be seating in the Courtyard and Overlook Room, with monitors to project the service for those watching inside.

10 am.....Courtyard Summer Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from piano and choir. Communion will be celebrated.
August 4 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

Extended Session

After the *Moments with the Children* during the 10 am Sanctuary service, a children's ministry is offered with songs, Bible or mission stories, prayer, sharing and creative activities. A simple snack is served.

There is only one Extended Session class available in the summer for children who have completed Kindergarten and younger — Nursery Suite on the first floor near the Highland Ave entrance. It is available every Sunday.

♦ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

A 38-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.

Mondays, 8 am to 1 pm

Wednesdays, 9 am to 9 pm

Taizé Sung Prayer

Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France.

Wednesdays, 7 pm

Prayer Room (*in Highland Ave hallway*)

Come to sit and pray in silence. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness that is ELPC.
Available everyday

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are grateful to have you join us for worship this morning and ask you to register your name in our Friendship Book.

To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to also:

Stay after today's service for our Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Room. Identify yourself as a newcomer, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have about ELPC.

Pick up a copy of our newsletter, the *Reaching Out*, either in the Narthex or at the Hospitality Desk near the Highland Avenue doors.

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* on Sept 29 and Oct 6 to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register for future classes (GloriaK@coh.net).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.

TODAY AT ELPC

Tower Tour

Climb the heights of our church's landmark central tower, and gain insights into its history and construction during a *Tower Tour* this morning after worship. The climb requires a bit of stamina; comfortable shoes and pants are suggested. The tour is not recommended for small children. Please gather in the Highland Lobby.

Today's DODs

Today's *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Doug Cooper**.

Café Justo Coffee for Sale

Café Justo Coffee will be available for sale during our *Fellowship Time*. For just \$10/pound, your purchase will support this fair trade cooperative and help provide a sustainable income for Mexican coffee farmers. Check or cash only please.



Mission Opportunities with OHM — Aug 3 and 6

Open Hand Ministries (OHM), a mission of ELPC, promotes social justice in the East End by building a diverse community focused on financial wellness, equity creation and homeownership. ELPC supports OHM's two main programs, family development (OHM Circles) and housing rehab four times a year with volunteer opportunities. Please join us for one or both of these opportunities to serve, and for fun and fellowship! Sign up after the Sunday service or contact Frank Bauerle (817.705.6856, frbauerle@yahoo.com) or Henry Petrilli (HLP615@gmail.com).

- ✦ Saturday, Aug 3 — *House rehab*
No special skills needed. All invited! Please contact Emily Rosenthal to help with the house rehab (EJR116@gmail.com, 412.963.0139).
- ✦ Tuesday, Aug 6 — *ELPC hosts the OHM Circles dinner*
Donations of side dishes and dinner servers are needed.



SUNDAY WORSHIP moves to the courtyard

Our 10 am Sunday worship service will move to the Courtyard beginning next Sunday, Aug 4. There will be seating in the Courtyard and Overlook Room, with monitors to project the service for those watching inside.

Livestream available on YouTube, Facebook!

Youth and Young Adult Events — Aug 2, 20 and 30

For more info on the following events, or to RSVP, please contact Kelli Booher, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries (KelliB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

- ✦ *Outdoor Labyrinth* — Friday, Aug 2, 7 pm
You may have walked the labyrinth at ELPC before but let's explore some outdoor ones in Pittsburgh! Afterward, we will go out for dessert, so bring money if you would like to join us for that as well. Please RSVP by July 31.
- ✦ *Tuesdays in the Park* — Tuesday, Aug 20, 5:30–7 pm
Contact Kelli for park location.
- ✦ *Drive-In Movie Time* — Friday, Aug 30, 6:30 pm
Let's take a trip back in time and experience the movies outdoors at Dependable Drive-In Theater (549 Moon Clinton Rd, Moon). We will meet at ELPC and leave at 6:30 pm. Bring money for the concession stands or snacks of your own! We will decide which movie to watch as we get closer to the date. Please RSVP so we can plan on how many spaces/chairs we need, and if you need a ride.

Summer Film Festival — Aug 4 and 18

Join the Mission Board Committees on these Sundays after worship for their Summer Film Festival:

- ✦ Aug 4 — *Urban Roots*
Once an industrial powerhouse of a lost American era, Detroit has been devastated by the loss of half its population due to the collapse of manufacturing. But now, in the empty lots, in the old factory yards, and in-between the sagging blocks of housing, seeds of change are taking root. Dedicated citizens have started an urban environmental movement with the potential to transform not just a city after its collapse, but also a country after the end of its industrial age. *Urban Roots* shows Detroiters working to fulfill their vision for locally-grown, sustainably farmed food in a city where people—as in much of the county—have found themselves cut off from real food.
Sponsored by the Justice Committee (94 minutes)
- ✦ Aug 18 — *BlacKkKlansman*
From visionary filmmaker Spike Lee comes the incredible true story of an American hero. African-American detective Ron Stallworth sets out on a dangerous mission: infiltrate and expose the Ku Klux Klan with the aid of a more seasoned colleague, Flip Zimmerman. Together, they team up to take down the extremist hate group as the organization aims to sanitize its violent rhetoric to appeal to the mainstream.
Sponsored by the Peace Committee (134 minutes)



As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Craig Cannon,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,
Liz Hopkins' mother Margery,
Morris Jordan, Lee Lewand, Gail Mallory, Rhonda Perroz,
ELPC employee Robert Polk and his wife,
Heather Schoenewolf's friend Tony,
aunt Mary Lou and uncle Jim,
Tim Sergi's sister Kimberly, Pat Valoon, and
for those in the criminal justice system who are homeless.

*Condolences to David and Heather Schoenewolf
on his father's passing.*

Committee Meetings This Week

Centennial FundMonday, 6:00 pm (Highland Rm)
DeaconsTuesday, 7:00 pm (Garth Overlook Rm)

Youth Ministry High School Mission Trip – Aug 4 to 9

Youth in grades 9–12 will be serving around Pittsburgh this summer for the *High School Mission Trip* from Aug 4–9. Please contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

Karl Sellner Memorial Benefit – Aug 10

Save the date for the *Karl Sellner Memorial Scholarship Benefit* on Saturday, Aug 10! There will be a pig roast, live bands and an auction—all to remember Karl and support young musicians at Hope Academy. More details will be available on the ELPC website (ELPC.church/event/karl-sellner-memorial-benefit-2019) soon.



LGBTQ Ministry – Aug 17

You are invited to the next gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Saturday, Aug 17 at 11 am for a potluck lunch and fellowship. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcomed. Contact Wil Forrest to attend (412.441.3800, Wil@coh.net). *God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.*

Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers – Aug 22

As a faithful ELPC servant, you are invited to the *Annual Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers* on Thursday, August 22 from 6–7:30 pm in the Garth (Social Hall if raining). Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, fixings and drinks will be provided. Please plan to bring either a side dish or dessert to serve about 8 people. If you want your container back, please label it with your last name. No need to bring serving utensils or to RSVP. Just come and attend a relaxing evening of fellowship, food and appreciation! Let us serve you in thanks and gratitude!

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Celebration of Humanity Nominations – Due Aug 1

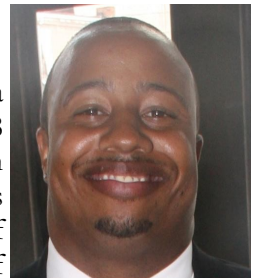
The *Celebration of Humanity* honors local individuals who demonstrate Northside Common Ministries' mission to answer the Biblical call *to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and receive the stranger*, and the prophet's call *to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God*. Individuals are encouraged to nominate themselves or others by Aug 1. Winners will be notified by Aug 15, and honored at a *Celebration of Caring* event on Thursday, Sept 19 from 6–8:30 pm at Alloy 26 (located in the former Allegheny Center Mall, Northside). Nomination forms, tickets for the event and more info are available at www.ncm.org, or contact Jay Poliziani, Director of Northside Common Ministries (jay.poliziani@ncmin.org, 412.323.1163).

Special Fellowship Time

Honoring Anthony Williams – Aug 18

Anthony Williams has served as a youth worker at ELPC for over 18 years. As an integral part of our youth ministry team, Mr. Anthony has nurtured the faith of generations of teens at ELPC, chaperoned dozens of Mission Trips and retreats, led a basketball ministry for youth in the community, and supported Confirmants on their journey to adult membership at ELPC. Whether through an interactive Bible Study or a game of Spades, Mr. Anthony has taught the love of God in Christ to all, and has modeled what it means to put one's faith in action. Late this spring, Mr. Anthony was named Head of School of The Neighborhood Academy. With this exciting transition in his life, Mr. Anthony has discerned the need to step down from his role at ELPC to dedicate his time and energy to his new position. We give thanks for Mr. Anthony – for his impact on the lives of many here at ELPC and at TNA.

We will celebrate his 18 years of service during a special fellowship time in his honor, following the 10 am worship service on Aug 18. Please join us to thank him and wish him well on the next leg of his journey!



Taizé Prayer

WEDNESDAYS AT 7 PM
AUDIO-STREAM AVAILABLE